## FAMOUS ALIENIST WRITES OF THE PEOPLE HE HAS KNOWN

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton's Keen Observations of Famous Men and Women Known in a Long Life---His Comments on Insanity Testimony and Notorious Cases

ANY well known people figure in Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton's "Recollections of an Allenist" (George H. Doran Company). His social and professional connections and his avocations have brought him into relations with celebrities of all kinds in New York and other parts of the world, and he has recollections about them all. His book gives pictures of the New York that was and records anecdotes innumerable.

Dr. Hamilton is a grandson of Alexander Hamilton. The latter was born in 1756, so that three generations cover 159 years. Dr. Hamilton was born in Williamsburg, then a country village, and at the end of the street where he lived there was a sandy beach where they went swimming. The region is now given up to tall and ugly factories and warehouses.

His father was Philip Hamilton. rhose practice was largely in admiralty cases. "Of commanding stature, with silvery white hair and closely cropped whiskers, my father made an imposing appearance in the blue suit of naval cut that he usually wore with a 'Giadstone' collar and black stock. He always carried a gold headed malacca stick and a large red silk handkerchief with white squares, a nautical survival; this he not only used for the ordinary purposes but to signal with upon every needed occasion or as an outlet for the expression of his elated emotions—it was, in fact, a part of the man."

He was a yachtsman and sailed the America in many of her trying out cruises before she went to England

was Minister to England and about

"I forgot to tell Lady Holland what I had in coming up the avenue fully resolved not to forget, namely, the following anecdote. Among other stories told to the glory of the reforming menarch [William IV.] it American Ambassador, said to his Majesty, 'I little thought, Sire, I should live to see the day when I should envy a Monarch. In paying a visit at McLane's the other morning I mentioned the currency of this anecdote; on which Mrs. McLean (who is a very amiable, natural person) said, 'It is true that Mr. McLean said he envied the King, but it was not on the reform question, but it was, I am ashamed to say, on seeing the King kiss Lady Lilford."

in quiet bombazine dress, wearing in those days, with the sprightly, beaubefore by Tench Tilghman and Roche-"After her husband's death, when

she exchanged the Grange for proporty down in the heart of the city below Canal street, her life was deothers built the first orphan asylum in erished herself for the poor. By her father, Gen. Philip Schuyler's, will she inherited not only large tracts of land in Saratoga county and at Oswego well, and all of this was sold and given mately been awarded her husband's back pay in the army, which amounted to about ten thousand dollars, she would have been penniless."

In August, 1862, Dr. Hamilton saw Lincoln and records this impression of

"While my father and brother were opposite me and was fascinated by warty growth upon one side of laughter, which he himself said to lovous universal Evergreen of Life. At other times there was only a whimsical smile, his eyes indicating nothing but a kind of far off dreaminess and this disharmony of expression in pe-

peculiarities possessed by him, which ence: as I know, he had no hallucinations."

ger on the steamer Colorado, which tific expedition headed by Louis Agassiz and bound for Brazil. Dr. Hamilton remarks:

rice, especially regarding the fauna and flora of Brazil, were undoubtedly cially by his redundant floridness and



ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S WIDOW WHO IMPOVERISHED HERSELF by CHARITABLE WORKS

eruises before she went to England and won the cup.

Dr. Hamilton's mother was a daughter of Louis McLane of Delaware, who was Minister to England and aloust which so much has been written and said within the past training at the old New York Hospital, on lower Eroadway, between Worth, was Minister to England and about whom Tom Moore recorded the following anecdote in his diary:

"I forgot to tell Lady Holland what "I for fact despite the scoffers."

Dr. Hamilton devotes a chapter to were in vogue. One was the daily his medical studies. Medical education in the '60s was of course far standing, an enormous piece of corned more primitive than it is at the pres- beef and huge pitchers of milk being ent time. No preliminary education provided. This perennial joint from a is generally stated that McLane, the was then required, and it was possible Gargantuan beeve was never absent. in at least one college for a man in haste to take the two needed courses cral public hears little Dr. Hamilton for graduation in one year, winter says: and summer. Of the profession itself! "There is in New York a quasi-social

say, on seeing the King kiss Lady
Lilford."

Of Alexander Hamilton's widow Dr.
Hamilton writes:

"Previous to her death, in 1856, my
Grandmother Hamilton came sometimes to see us in Williamsburg, and then I was entertained by stories of then 1856, and then I was entertained by stories of the professional to be the son of a doctor. My experience is that comparative, or because as the Medical and Surgical Society.

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bars and proceeded to business."

Another of his instructors was Dr. tracted illness. The father, who had them built in France. ilton adds this from his own experi- of feet above.

it is said amounted to a morbid per-sonality, if not a mental disorder, and that he had hallucinations and illu-This Mr. B. had a brother, and between I wrote to his former secretary, John real estate in a neighboring city. Hay, for some information to be uti- When I told a friend of how my palized in a book I was then writing, tient had come to my office in shabby 'He was a old clothes and pleaded poverty, with man of deeply religious feeling rather the result that I charged him only half change-French warfare since their than theological belief. There was a my usual fee, he told me of another vein of mysticism which characterized occasion when some one upbraided the the epoch of rifles to him all his life, but he was not what old man, saying, 'Do you know, Mr. G., of high explosives. I would call superstitious, and, so far I think you are the meanest man I have ever met?' he replied. 'Perhaps industrial region was torn asunder

physician of those days:

"Dr. Thomas was the product of South Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the South Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the South Carolina, and came to New York, making an impression upon the south Carolina, and the part of City of the south Carolina, and the part of City of the south Carolina, and the part of City of the south Carolina, and the part of City of the south Carolina, and the product of the munition factories, which in many and the part of City of the munition factories, which in many and the part of City o The poilu as well as his commander of Brazil, were undoubtedly and flora of Brazil, were undoubtedly and floration and flo anticipated, not only by Agassis but manner. His emphasis and fecundity and smaller guns one sees at the front farm land before the war, but now ened with a spirit that means much through those boulevards again."

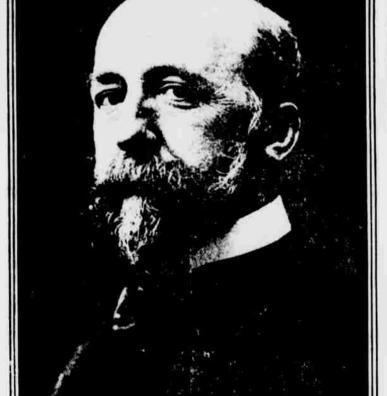
others; for instance, the cannibal fish | of comparison made his rather unreferred to by Mr. Roosevelt were fully described by Charles Livingston Bull, who found them and studied their vicious habits in the Orinoco ordinary attack of indigestion was an several years before the Colonel's visit, epic poem.' His were the celebrated while the evil ways of the vampire bedside manners' and his method of bats were minutely detailed by Lieut. persuading a fastidious woman to take Herndon of the United States Navy a dose of nasty medicine was worthy as early as 1851. The celebrated 'River of a better cause. With all this he

existed for nearly one hundred years

he says: medical society that has been in ex-"Why so many men take up the pro-istence for three-quarters of a cenfession of medicine is always a puzzle tury, and which has always included Undoubtedly a number are not fitted a number of the leading men in New by nature for this calling and have York practice. The meetings consist only adopted it because it was sup- of a discussion of reported cases, a posed to be remunerative, or because supper and conversazione. It is known

and instinctively ran his fingers over whose mortuary mistakes were appallthe keys wherever he found the in- ing, although he did his best to conceal

was called to perform a slight operation upon a patient who was a memtion upon a p



He entered the office of Dr. Harvey
B. Sands in 1867. Sands "was a lovable man, with precise little ways of manner and speech. He was absoptiutely full of the knowledge of his prolitely full of the knowledge of hi fession, and was the most delicate and resophagus of a neglected child. Such plained by the fact that he washed his Hamilton, with a few others, were fa- ers Of Augustin Daly's company he skilful operator I have ever known a one was old Dr. P-, a veritable instruments in the tubs of the laundry millar; but from the close of the civil remarks; New York, and who literally impovHe was also an accomplished planist sarcophagus of learning and a surgeon which was back of his basement office." war their runks became thinned as "It was Augustin Daly who transHe was also an accomplished planist sarcophagus of learning and a surgeon which was back of his basement office." war their runks became thinned as "It was Augustin Daly who trans-Of society in New York as it was people with money came to the front. It was then that successful business forces and light comedies. While as a Dr. Hamilton writes:

"During my early practice I saw men, merchants and capitalists with- rule they were very amusing and well

"I can well remember being taken to the house of some rich people of the newer kind by a student chum,

the Faubourg St. Germain, sought

their shells or died out in great meas-

ure. Some of them growled at the in-

MRS MARY BAKER EDDY

Dr HAMILTON WAS IMPRESSED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY

INTELLIGENCE SHOWN IN HER

offensive by the antics and dress of

upon his wide and very glossy shirt bosom a Roman cross made with dianovations of the newcomers. monds, and another had gigantic detachable shirt cuffs which he took whose name I had not up to this time heard. They were a rollicking, goodpains to display suddenly by a peculiar motion of his forearms, this feat of gymnastics gaining for him the sobrinatured party of several sons and daughters, all jolly and fond of horsequet of 'the cuff shooter.' "
A mention of "The Black Crook" inplay. The Virginia reel was a riotous performance, and it was led by the eldspires a defence of the ladles of the ber, were a bright red satin edging in his dress waistcoat, and every one was pressed to 'have a good time,' and enjoy the bountiful supper in another other following that belongs to the in all ages; at every European sple would later become the very lead-stage, and certainly the conscientious offerings made by nervous five.

"One could, in those simple days, find "One could, in those simple days, find much variety and kind hospitality, quite impossible in an age when so not enough to be said in their favor.

These things are mute we means. These things are mute we nesses of the power of the mind over the body. Perhaps some day the were consists. called fashionable society consists largely of a maelstrom of vulgar frivolity, artificiality and extravagance and all the worst things of European that have been copied and

While trying to build up a practice Dr. Humilton helped out his fees by newspaper work and has a chapter on the subject. In discussing the evils of so-called "society journals" he

over."

Numerous attempts have been made in this country to start these vile

then I was entertained by stories of her early life, and she read me letters from 'Dolly' Madison, who wrote in a queer, small hand. It was difficult to connect the little aged woman, dressed dent to ingratitude and disionalty of Carolina were usually provided; and, ceeded to relate the second case in the which lived the Lydius, Coldens and dat of her early married life. Without patients; to avoid the prevalence of quackery. Christian Science, Osteron Science, Osteron the patients of them all the feats arranged by the same aggravatingly stupid manner, others.

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He Knew People of Many Kinds and His Recollections, Beginning When New York's Social Life Centred About Wash ington Square Come Down to To-day

his last years fairly emulated to Braxfield, the Scotch hanging jud in the severity of his sentences

"I have been consulted by disse-ing lawyers in cases when juryme have actually gone mad during a tra or have been epileptic, or have dulged in alcoholic excesses in the that such a happening is allowed interrupt a trial or interfers with

"Sometimes a case may be sent ; an eccentric or paranolae lawyer, wh is in every way unfit to pass intell gent judgment upon the evidence.
remember an instance of this kir
where the referee absolutely ignore
the testimony of the medical men az
produced an opinion of his own, giving his 'scientific' views in a truly aste ishing way. As a psychopathic exhibition it was a curiosity. Such a me is really more dangerous than an ign

several male members of the company who had probably never off the stage worn evening dress.
"One jeune premier, following the mode of the lower East Side, wore rant one."
In 1907, when certain litigation was started against Mrs. Mary Baker G Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, Dr. Hamilton was called en to examine her as to her sanity. found her an erect, little old person dressed in black silk. At her threat was a small diamond coronet brood Dr. Hamilton was immediately im pressed with the extraordinary intelligence of her eyes. She had an unusual familiarity with business affairs. D: Hamilton views rather favorably t "Most ill informed people know very Science and remarks:

little about the morality of the ballet dancer. My knowledge enables me to "The real usefulness of this body say that perhaps it is higher than any to heal by suggestion, as has been dother following that belongs to the in all ages; at every European a most consistent and lead admirable who have been made whole by pay-"I have for some time known Mile. generally will recognize the fact Adeline Genee, who married Frank a large number of so-called org Isitt, the business agent of the Duke and apparently incurable discussor of Norfolk. No mention need be made after all only functional. Mod of her talent or of her industry. Not psychiatry has made this very clear only does she spend hours planning it was not before, and the study of new ballets and drilling her dancing strange results of mental coof real hard work. I hear that when well as obsessions and wishes, is she last went on tour she ordered sixty ling away the fog of ignorance pairs of dancing slippers, and wore these out long before the season was by persons accused of crime

made in this country to start these vile sheets, but as a rule after the appearance of a few numbers they have languished and died. One or two have nevertheless survived, and have done a great deal of mischief.

"As an instance of this I may refer to an exceptionally wenomous attack which led to lamentable consequences. The case fell under my professional notice, and had to do with an elderly lady of the highest social position whose early life, so far as any one lanew, was irreproachable.

Dr. Hamilton saw much of Gilbert, the playwright, both in this country and subsequently in London. He aimagus subsequently in London. He aimagus shaded a school for simulators of the Tombs and subsequently of Sarg but Dr. Hamilton thinks that except when beside himself with rage when he found that others were pirating his work or attempting to alter his book. One can imagine his wither the trained observer. Of the three murderers of the United States he proneumly done the lightest social position when in New York a certain manager suggested that he should localize the lightest social position whose early life, so far as any one lanew, was irreproachable.

The trial lasted seventy-two days are also for a sinister joke, the Tombs and subsequently at Sarg Sing; but Dr. Hamilton thinks that except when beside himself with rage when he found that others were pirating his work or attempting to alter his book. One can imagine his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his work or attempting to alter his book. One can imagine his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when he found that others were pirating his with rage when Dr. Hamilton saw much of Gilbert, who had murdered his wife, pro-

"In this connection, however, supe stitious persons have commented up celebrities in many fields. To illustrate the sharp wit of Charles Brook. the untimely deaths of an unusual number of participants. field, who subsequently became censor of plays, he tells this anecdote: One Judge Cox, the lawyers of the night, years ago, when George Gros-smith was giving his entertainment at Judge Porter and Mr. Davidge seven dently contracted at this time. blood will be on the heads of the don't forget it'; and later, "Get

Czolgosz, assassin of McKinley, w

ilton's book. Here is a final

smith left for his work. C - re. E. MacDonald died of tubercub avenge this outrage." Despite the fact that the war began men, but has grown so much during in the summer of 1914 the French the past year that it now contains and now is cheering the successes of army, according to Lieut, Pechkoff, did 20,000 workmen." the other, their real brothers at last.

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Enough quotations have until the following spring. That first as well as figuratively, the French meated the army, too, the kind of army useful professional study, reading and French artillery onslaught of any im- aeroplane has improved and multiplied democracy—the officer still the su-

day in the heat of brother fighting be- patient, have acquired the success de- abled the defendant and its in "There are several consultants not ent times being controlle-

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Dr. Hamilton treats the question of faith in the reality of Thaw

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## "When we reached the house Curtis HOW FRANCE FOUND HERSELF AMID THE AGONY OF WAR could go and sit down at a plane and and I were sent up stairs to get the patient ready and give him the anastithetic, while Sands remained below. The horror of the friends who had keyed themselves up unnecessarily to the occasion was apparent when the occasion was apparent when the

notes of Chopin's 'Tarantelle' ascended useless has been furbished up and now from below, and when after tickling is puffing day and night back of the the few hairs on his otherwise bald fighting lines and countless new ones head with his crooked little finger, he have been put together in France to hummed to himself the few remaining help in the great work of transporting

troops and supplies, "The old nondescript autotruck lum-James W. McLane, who was full of bering toward the front has disapanecdote, and was never tired of telling peared. Now one comes upon dozens of the rich and miserly old man whose upon dozens of brand new trucks, all only daughter had died after a pro- painted a uniform gray and many of from time to time not only complained gray paint extends only to the roof of though I do not for a moment make of the expense incident to her illness the truck itself; in all cases the truck but disputed the doctor's bill, de. roofs are cunningly painted in greens "There was indeed at times a deep manded at the end that the flowers and grays and browns to represent look of sadness, which suggested a that had been sent for several days foliage and tree trunks—this of lurking sorrow and afforded a sufficient excuse for his moods. Many peo- the funeral to save expense. Dr. Ham- invisible to German aviators thousands

"To-day each regiment is supplied with exactly eight times as many machine guns as it had during the first battles. As for the great improvement in the French artillery which has front in the fall of 1916 who had not been near the battle lines since the summer of 1915 noted one great last visit had altogether changed from the epoch of rifles to the present epoch

"Although the heart of the French

army, according to Lieut, Pechkoff, did 20,000 workmen."

not make its first real artillery attack. Also by leaps and bounds, literally Lieut. Pechkoff lost his right arm.

present time our artillery cover is so remarkable increase in flying equipallies carry first and second line Ger- their enemies in the matter of adfrom their small arms.

And France, without detracting in the effects of big gun fire from points lations." least from the mighty work of manu- above the enemy lines. self has a right to feel a particular the front, and reports in the form of pride in her own industrial achieve- photographs within a few minutes to place. pride in her own industrial achievements; for where England and other
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portance was made in the Artois dis- since the new birth of France; to-day, perior and the police his inferior in been the recipients of special marks trict in May, 1915, or the time that according to Lieut. Pechkoff, "France's rank, but both brothers—which the of royal favor, while others have been giving Dr. Hamilton's open in according to Lieut, Pechkoff, "France's rank, but both brothers which the of royal tayor, while the brothers to Lieut, Pechkoff, "France's rank, but both brothers which the of royal tayor, while the brothers that the brothers which have and made by accident. England, however, that can be superior to army of a republic should have and bas not the monopoly of such men, and the men an which is a joy to look upon. War has has not the monopoly of such men, and rally the loss of life among French And Lieut. Pechkoff added in this cut red tape that bound all up in I have known many at home who by timony and its evis. and to soldiers rapidly decreased, because of connection that the advancement in the cover of artillery fire when an advance was made," he said. "At the avaitors has been in keeping with the perhaps ten years imprisonment."

I have known many at home who by their 'beautifully expressive eyes,' or leak for a more gross different their 'wonderful magnetism,' or some the Thaw case, which drains and disreputable course to present time our applicance."

And Lieut. Pechkoff added in this peace times. 'According to the regulations' in peace times such and such an offence meant court-martial and other Godlike quality, heraided with an disreputable course to present time our applicance. great that often the French and their ment. The fliers, more daring than side brother for the common good the nied a more modest and better officer will see that same offence com- equipped doctor. man trenches without firing a shot vancing over and into enemy terri- mitted and will try to look the other an trenches without firing a shot vancing over and themselves invalor, have made themselves inva in these desirable results at the front. of their work of photographing the man-he but misunderstood the regu-

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The pressure france had to build her new shoulders squared onto the boulevards of Paris for his six day leave from the trenches, every inch a soldier. In the daytime at least all the old Paris of "It seems incredible that it should of the State made a persister." s I know, he had no hallucinations."

In 1865 Dr. Hamilton was a passenter on the steamer Colorado, which is do no board the members of a scient expedition headed by Louis Agastian properties.

In 1865 Dr. Hamilton was a passenter of the result of the first onslaught the convertient of the same of these days.

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